

Billing: Process Overview, Steps, Common Issues



# **Agenda**



- Billing Overview
- Billing Prerequisites
- Billing Basics
- Common Issues
- Troubleshooting Questions
- Q&A

#### **CCFA Billing Overview**



- Attendance is completed by individual Providers or centrally by Billing Administrators for the Contract Provider. CCRR can enter only Voucher attendance for child care provider sites. Attendance is complete when a Ledger is created for each location within an Organization
- An Invoice is displayed in the Invoice Summary and must be approved by the Billing Administrator
- Once all provider invoices are approved, the Billing Manager submits one bill to EEC and to their CCRR simultaneously
- CCRRs will approve submitted invoices, including those for contract providers using vouchers. Then CCRRs will Review and Submit, once the months invoices are ready(by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month), CCRRs will Submit to EEC
- Note: Contract Providers no longer submit Voucher and Contract Billing separately. All billing, both Vouchers and Contracts, is submitted at once. The submission is routed to EEC for Contract Reimbursement and to CCRRs for Voucher Reimbursement
- If the submission is Rejected by EEC or the CCRR, corrections can be made, under certain circumstances, to attendance and resubmitted. Rejected Voucher or EEC bills are separate submissions at this point

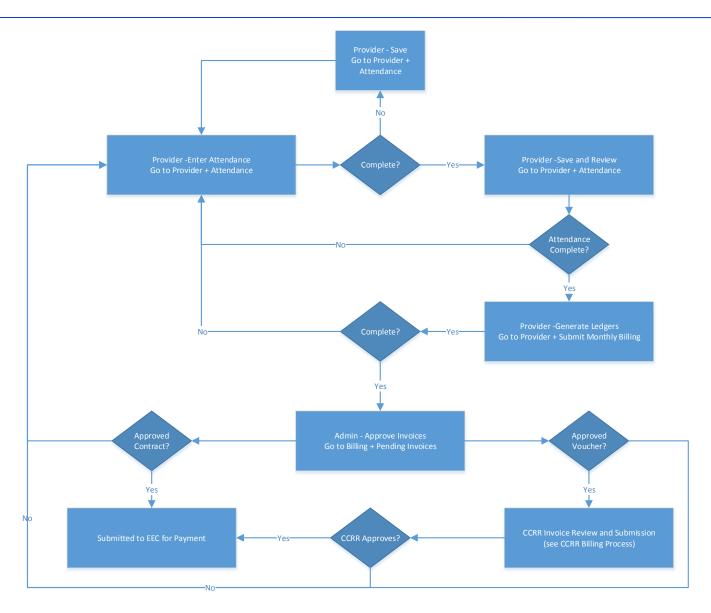
#### **Billing Overview**



- All billing is due to EEC by the 20th by the CCCRS, FCC Systems and Contract Providers.
  - Subsidy administrators submit Payment Vouchers with wet signature by the 20th of every month
  - If EEC chooses to extend the deadline, EEC will notify the applicable parties by email
- The 13th of the month is the deadline for voucher only, contract providers and FCC systems to submit voucher billing to the CCRRs.
  - This gives the CCRRS time to complete their process.
- In CCFA if a contract provider or system have both vouchers and contracts they need to submit billing at the same time – the 13<sup>th</sup>
  - Therefore if they have contract and voucher placements they are submitted by the 13<sup>th</sup> in CCFA.
  - Contract billing goes straight to EEC, vouchers go to the CCRRs.
- If the Contract Provider, FCC System or CCRR is sanctioned, EEC will put the billing on hold for the following month
  - They will receive a notification from CCFA

# **CCFA Billing Steps Overview – Contract and Voucher**





## **Voucher Only Workflow (See Attendance Presentation)**



#### VOUCHER ONLY BILLING WORKFLOW:

- Provider completes attendance (Save & Review)
- CCFA checks for completeness and changes the Attendance Status for that service month as Ready to Submit.
- Provider Generates Ledger.
- 4. CCFA calculates invoice amounts by service month and sets the attendance status as Billed
- Provider Approve/Reject Invoices by location of care.
  - a. CCRR can do this on the provider's behalf through Provider Pending Invoices.
  - Approve Available for Final Submission through Review Submission screen
  - Reject Available for attendance changes, if any.
- 6. Provider Submits invoice for all approved locations of care

## **Contract Provider Workflow (See Attendance Presentation)**



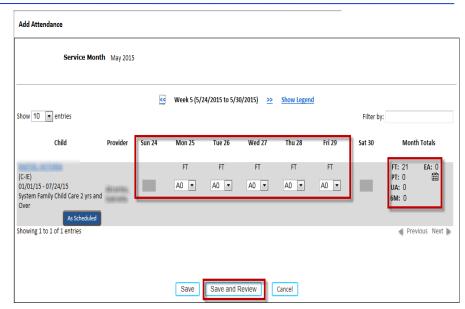
#### CONTRACT PROVIDER BILLING WORKFLOW:

- Provider completes attendance for contract and voucher children (Save & Review)
- CCFA checks for completeness and changes the Attendance Status for that service month as Ready to Submit.
- Provider Generates Ledger.
- CCFA calculates invoice amounts by service month and sets the attendance status as Billed
- Provider Admin Approve/Reject Invoices by location of care for Contract & Voucher.
  - a. Approve Available for Final Submission through Review Submission screen
  - Reject Available for attendance changes, if any.
- 6. Provider Submits Contract and Voucher invoices for all approved locations of care
  - Contract portion of Invoice is added under Pending Invoices (EEC Fiscal) for EEC Approval.
  - Voucher portion of Invoice is added under CCR Pending Invoices for CCRR approval.

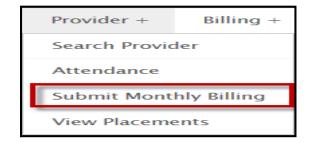
#### Add Attendance & Generate Ledger (Provider)



- Once the <u>Attendance</u> has been filled in:
  - Click the <u>Save and Review</u> button
  - Click the <u>No, I Am Done</u> button in the Continue message
- The next step is to Generate Ledgers
- To see the Generate Ledgers button, you can click on the <u>No, I am Done</u> button, or you can click on the Submit Monthly Billing option under the provider menu.



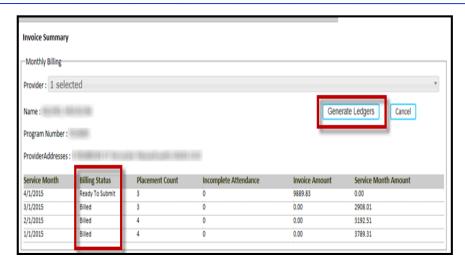




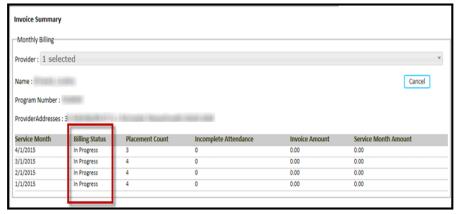
#### **Attendance Submission (Provider/Billing Manager/CCRR)**



- The *Invoice Summary* screen will be displayed.
- Click <u>Generate Ledgers</u> Notice the Billing Status is <u>Ready to</u> <u>Submit</u> or <u>Billed</u> if it has already been submitted.
- A legal message will be displayed. Please read it and click on <u>Agree</u> to certify that the records are true and accurate.
- After clicking on Agree, the Invoice Summary screen will change the Billing Status from Ready to Submit, to <u>In Progress</u>. This screenshot shows a provider that is billing for four months during this billing cycle.



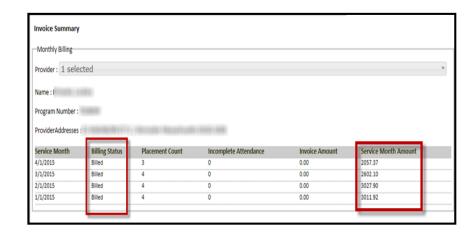




## Invoice Approval (Billing Manager/Administrator)

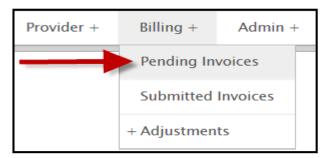


 CCFA is constantly updating the billing information, after a few seconds of the Billing Status being <u>In Progress</u>, it will then, change to <u>Billed</u>. The <u>Service Month Amount</u> being billed, is also displayed.



#### **Invoice Approval**

 Once the Invoice has been submitted for the provider/location, it needs to be approved by the Billing Administrator. To approve the invoice, click on Pending Invoices option, from the Billing menu.



#### **CCRR Workflow**



#### **CCRR BILLING WORKFLOW:**

- Provider Completes Attendance and Submits Monthly Billing (See Attendance)
- 2. If CCRR will perform this work for Provider, CCRR Approves/Rejects Provider Pending Invoices. Select Billing + Provider Pending Invoices
- 3. CCRR Approves/Rejects CCRR Monthly Invoice Select Billing + CCRR Pending Invoices
- 4. Once all approvals and rejections made for the billing month, Select Billing + CCRR Pending Invoices > Review Submission
- 5. Click on Submit
  - Invoices submitted to EEC
- 6. Print Payment Vouchers, obtain signatures EEC to receive by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month for the previous billing month

#### **Contract Subsidy Administrator Workflow**



#### Contract Subsidy Administrator Workflow

- Provider Completes Attendance and Submits Monthly Billing (See Attendance)
  - --Subsidy Admin can Submit Provider Invoices, if desired, following the same workflow and menu options as Providers
- Subsidy Admin Approves/Rejects Monthly Invoice Select Billing + Pending Invoices
- Once all approvals and rejections made for the billing month,
   Select Billing + Pending Invoices > Review Submission
- 4. Click on Submit
  - 1. Voucher placements contained in invoice go to CCRR for approval (This need to be completed by the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month)
  - 2. Contract invoices submitted to EEC
- 5. Print Payment Vouchers, obtain signatures EEC to receive by the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month for the previous billing month

#### **About Invoice Summary & Pending Invoice Reports**

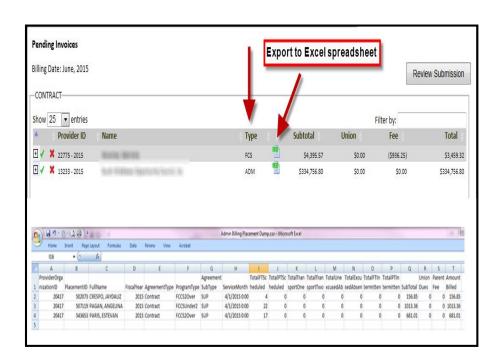


- These reports contain different information and results, by design.
- The first report is on the <u>Invoice Summary</u> page. It includes:
  - All the billing submitted by the provider for child care
  - Add-ons for Supportive/Expansion support services
  - DTA/voucher agreements in a combined total.
- The second report is displayed from the <u>Pending Invoices</u> page.
  - Contains only the child care amounts.
  - Does not include any Support Services add-ons or vouchers.
  - The contract and voucher details are displayed separately.
    - Contract Invoices are in the top section
    - Voucher invoice amounts are at the bottom of the page.

#### Pending Invoices (Billing Administrator/CCRR)



- Pending Invoices screen displays the providers for whom the Attendance has been submitted.
- In this example you can see that the organization is a Family Child Care system and has Center Based Child Care programs.
- On this screen you can export the information for the provider into an Excel spreadsheet.
- Click on the "+" sign to expand the records for each of the providers.

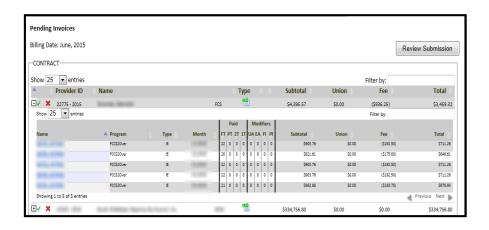




#### **View Billing Information (Billing Manager)**



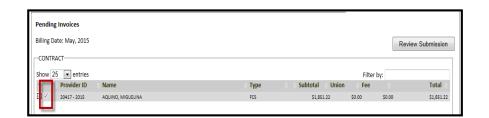
 A breakdown of the billing information is displayed: Child's Name, Program, Type, Service Month, Days paid according to Attendance entry, Child Care Amount, Union Dues (deducted), Parent Fees (deducted), and Total amount billed to EEC.



 Approve the billing by clicking on the green checkmark.



 Once the green checkmark is clicked, it will change to a black checkmark.

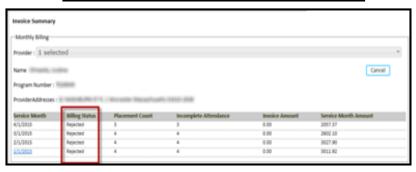


#### **Billing Administrators May Reject Invoice(s)**



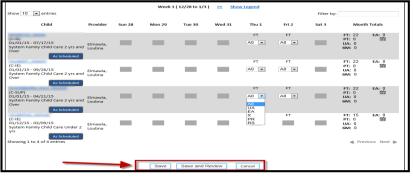
- If there is an error in the billing, it can be rejected then corrected before submitting by clicking on the "X".
- A Reject Invoice box will be displayed. Type in the reason for rejecting the invoice. Then, click on Submit.
- Once the billing has been rejected, the billing specialist receives an email notifying her/him of the rejection.
- In the Attendance, the provider's Billing Status will show up as <u>Rejected</u>.
- The Billing Specialist needs to make the necessary changes and repeat the Attendance process by clicking on Save and Review.





Submit

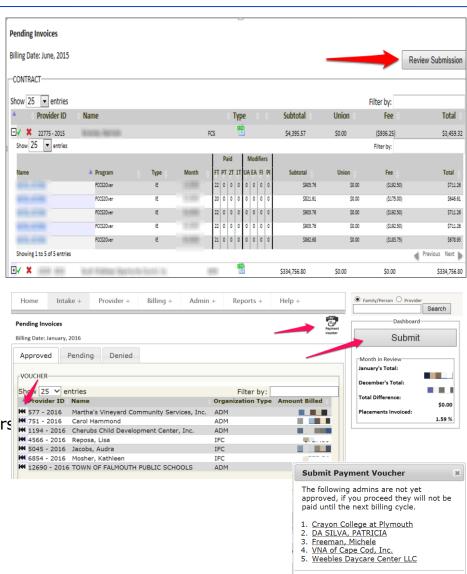
Cancel



#### **Billing Administrators Submit Invoices**



- On the Pending Invoices Page, select Review Submission
- You will have the opportunity for a final review. CCFA will list all Approved, Denied and Pending invoices that were submitted
- Select the appropriate Tab to view the invoices in each category
- When you are ready to submit the final invoice, select the Submit Button
  - Payment Vouchers available to print
  - SDR reports available for Contract Providers
- Print Payment Vouchers, obtain signatures. EEC should receive signed PVs with a wet signature by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month
  - No faxes, no scans, no copies



Yes

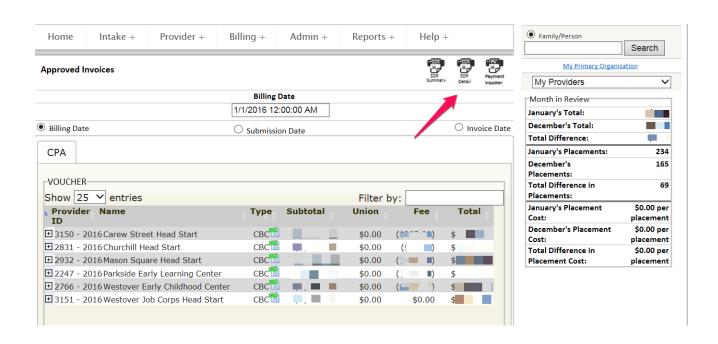
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## **Billing Reports – SDR reports & Payment Vouchers (PV)**



## Select Billing + Submitted Invoices >Select Billing Month

- Final SDR reports available for Contract Providers
- Payment Vouchers Available for all Subsidy Admins



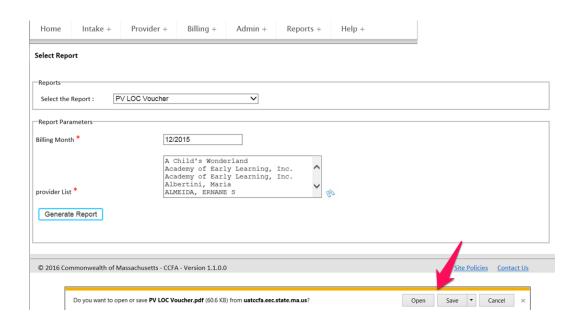
#### **Billing Reports – Payment Voucher (PV)**



- Select Reports + General Reports >PV Loc Voucher
- Select Billing Month and Providers
- Select Generate Report

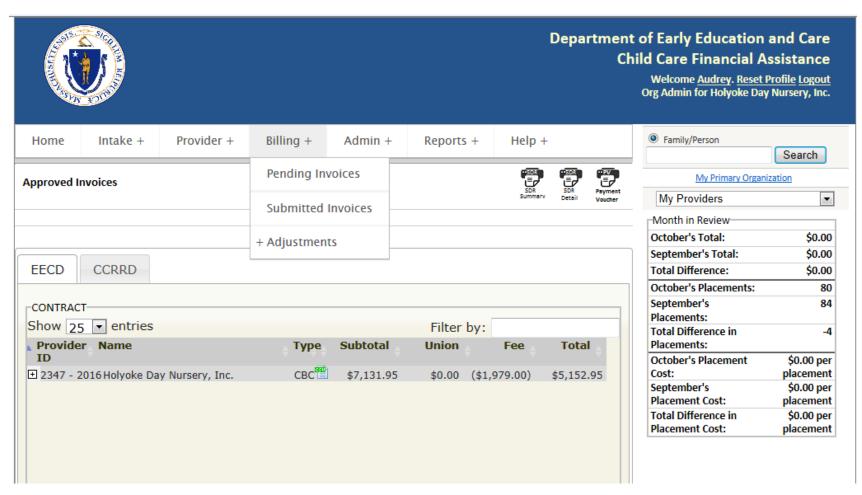
- Select a Report -Attendance for Service Month
Blank Attendance Report
Consecutive Unexplained Absences Report
Days Absent Report
Providers By Service Need
PV LOC Summary SEIU - Voucher
PV LOC Voucher
SEIU Dues Providers
SEIU Dues Providers
SEIU Remittance Report by Voucher Provider
Voucher Reassessments By Contract Provider

Open or Save your report at the bottom



## **Billing Reports – SDRs & Payment Voucher (PV)**

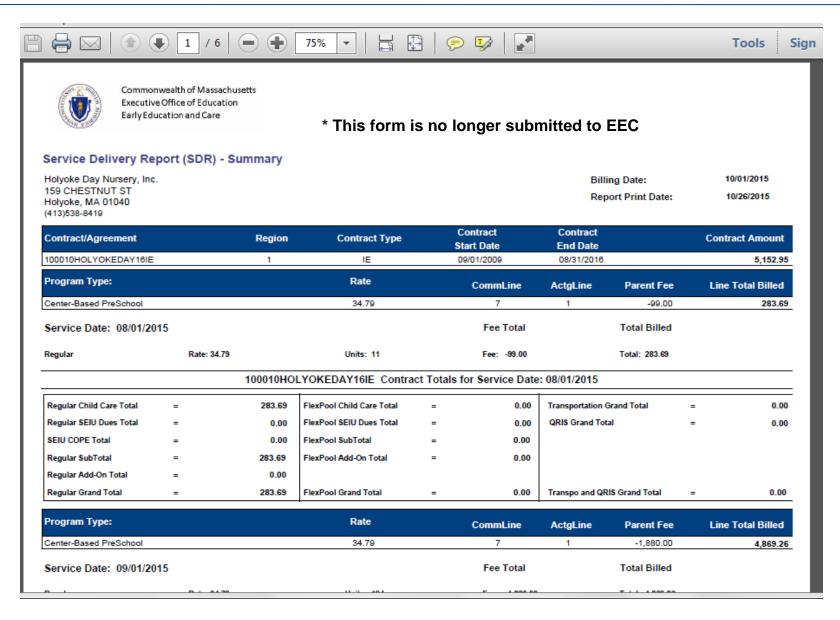




SDR Reports and Payment Vouchers are available from the billing menu options. SDR Reports can be produced as a draft before the invoice is submitted. Payment Vouchers (PV) are only available after the invoice has been submitted. Only PVs must be signed and sent to EEC.

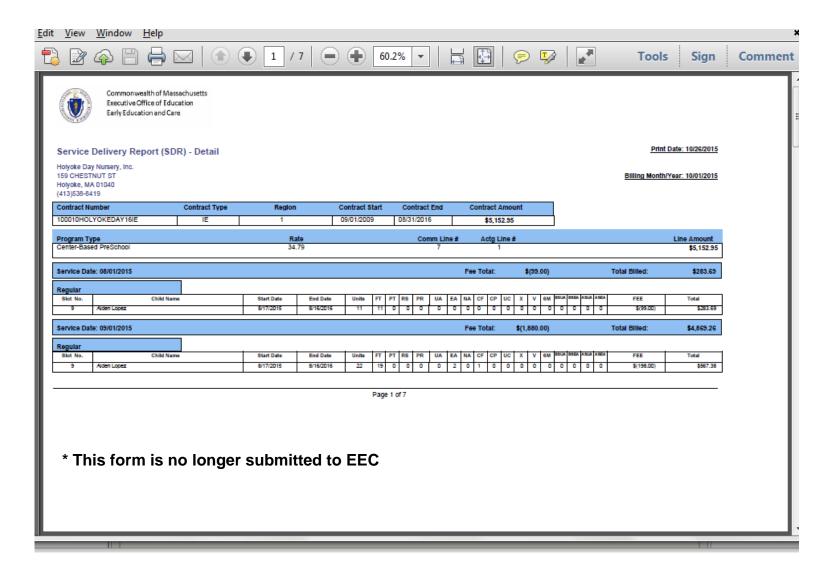
#### **Approved Invoices – Submitted**





#### **SDR Detail Report**





# **CCFA Payment Voucher**



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#### **Common Problems in Billing**



## Before and after school at Provider 1, school only closure at Provider 2

- Child attended school closure at Provider 2
- On Attendance at Provider 1 paid school closure day
- You will be able to complete Attendance, but you will not be able to submit billing. If there is overlapping billed attendance for a child, neither provider can submit billing
- Contact the Subsidy Administrator to resolve
- If both providers are closed, the "primary" provider gets to bill for the closure
  - School Closure placements do not get paid unless they attend

#### **Reasons for Rejecting Invoices**



- CCFA validates most reasons why invoices were previously rejected and will not let you submit
  - Focus on the correct attendance codes, billing rates, fees
- Reasons for EEC to reject invoices, mostly external to CCFA
  - No signature on the Payment Voucher, or missing PV
  - Invoice audited and requires adjustment
  - There is another issue with a provider outside CCFA
- When rejected, able to void and replace attendance, if necessary

#### **Provider Rates**



- Provider Rates should be populated for both Private Published and Voucher Rates
  - Contract Rates are managed by EEC and imported
  - Voucher rates are managed by CCRRs
  - If services are contract only, you may leave Voucher Rate blank
    - If child moves to voucher placement, make sure the voucher rates are populated
- If contract rate is provided, CCFA uses the contract rate unless the private published rate is lower
- If voucher rate only is provided, CCFA uses the voucher rate unless the private published rate is lower
- Rate changes are effective for the current service month
- EEC will implement a special process for the Retroactive Rate Increase

#### **Review of Attendance/Invoices**



## What to look for in reviewing Attendance and Invoices

- Attendance
  - Are the codes used valid codes for the program type/placement?
  - CCFA validates most rules such as the number of hours matches the authorization/placement, attendance is complete
- Invoice
  - Are the union dues correct?
  - Are the fees correct?
  - Does the total amount represent your expected amount?
    - Are the billing rates correct?
    - Were there excessive absences that are unpaid?
    - Other unpaid codes such as refused service (PR, RS)?

# **Questions & Answers**



# **Questions?**

- Supplemental Material
  - CCFA User Community Graphic

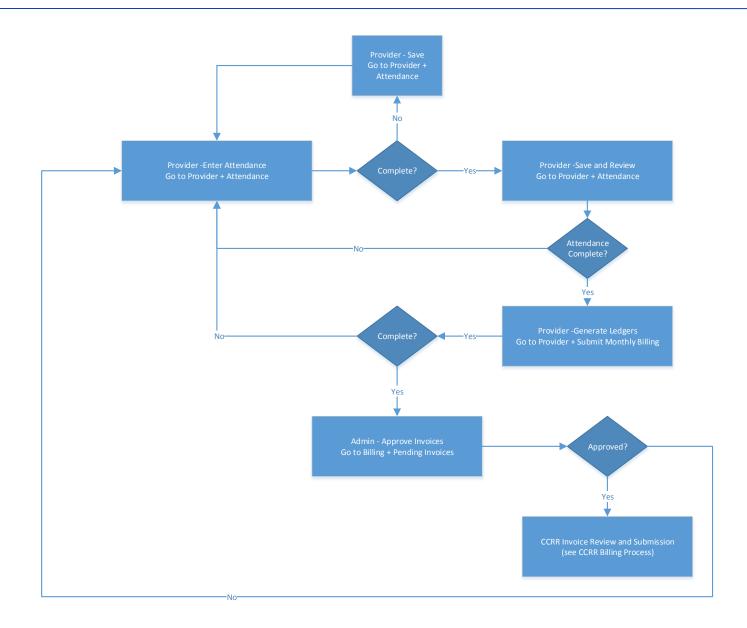
# **Appendix**



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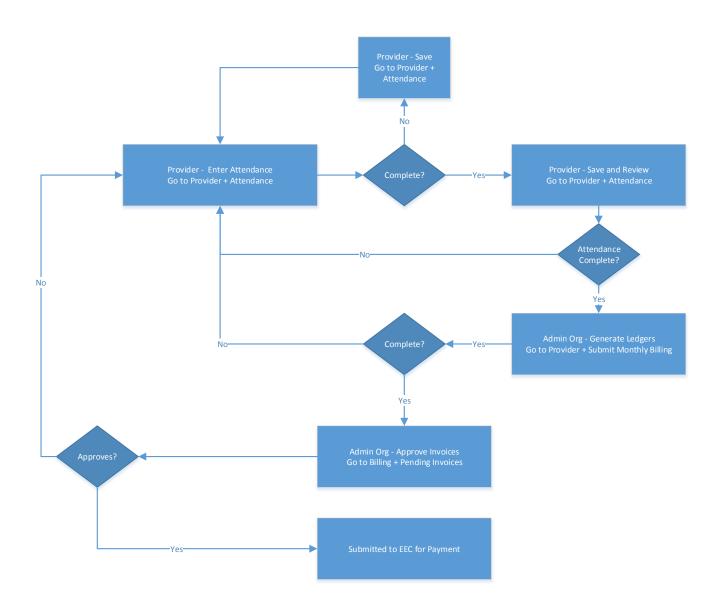
# IFCC, In Home CC - Voucher Only Provider Workflow





# **Center-Based and FCS Contract Only Provider Workflow**





# **Contract w/ Vouchers Provider Workflow**



